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Senator Leone, Representative Hennessy, and distinguished members of the Select Committee on Veteran's Affairs,

I am State Senator Michael McLachlan, and I write today in support of Senate Bill 215, *An Act Providing Veteran's Preferences in the Rental Assistance Program and Housing Authority Projects*.

I support legislation that would give a preference in affordable or subsidized housing admission to our veterans that meet the federal veteran's preference requirements, because veterans are Americans who have fought hard to protect the many freedoms that we are lucky to hold. When our veterans return to civilian life, this can be a challenging transition. Like so many Americans, they too are affected by the challenges of finding a job and being able to provide for their families. This includes finding affordable housing.

Our veterans and their families have already sacrificed so much for our country that they should not have to worry about having a roof over their heads. This type of legislation would not only relieve some of the stress our veterans and their families are facing with finding a home, but it would also provide a thank you to our veterans once again for their service.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. I urge the committee to support its passage.